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Below are comments for the UBMC repository

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Bill,

For the past few weeks, I have quietly listened to the banter surrounding the plans being laid out by the Montana DEQ and the Forest Service regarding the Mike Horse Mine waste. Sounds like these governmental agencies have quite an agenda and plan to do what they want in an effort to spend \$39,000,000.00 regardless of what is good for the public, the economy and especially the environment. To me it is another example of a badly conceived idea justifying an even worse concept **all at tax payer's expense**. I would much rather see the current Montana reclamation laws put into effect to cap and leave the waste where it is.

Has the DEQ monitored the water in the Backfoot at Lincoln??? Has the DEQ monitored the water in the Blackfoot at the confluence of Lander's Fork??? Is the water below Mike Horse being filtered naturally through the aquifer already??? I think the answers to those questions would reveal some very interesting facts.

In the few years that I have lived in this drainage, I have noticed several examples of decision making by these governmental agencies that make me shake my head. In the past two summers I have seen where the Forest Service has closed roads for the entire summer season to install bridges or culverts that replace perfectly good structures. Why? Is it to reduce public access or to spend budgeted funds. I believe it is both. I also believe that this is a huge reason why our country is in the economic crisis we are in. If given \$39,000,000.00, who wouldn't try and justify a job to spend it???

I sincerely hope that those in control within these agencies seriously consider the ramifications decisions like these have on their organizations and all of us. I believe public opinion will remain skeptical until concerns of the citizenry are taken seriously and these agencies are held accountable for these decisions they have made and the ones they possibly intend to.

Thanks,
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